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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I would like to just go on record as opposing the proposed settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft in the antitrust case.

I think the proposed settlement will do almost nothing to reign in microsoft's monopolistic practices.

Look at windows XP. Do you see anything there that looks like an attempt to be less predatory.

The bundling in XP is mind boggling and entering all sorts of new areas.

When a new version of the OS comes out, in a normal market, you would expect that the old version would still be available at a reduced cost. This never happens with Microsoft. Either the old version is no longer available (which is happeneing now) OR the older version can still be bought, but only at the same price as the new version. (which has happened in the past)

Personally, I think a break up should be brought on the table again. If this causes the litigation to drag on a bit more, so be it. The proposed settlement will waste what has been achieved so far.

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